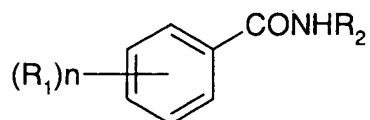


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Methods are disclosed for treating and preventing pain such as neuropathic pain, and traumatic injuries such as traumatic brain injury and acute spinal cord injury, which comprise administering effective amounts of a benzamide compound of formula

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where n is 1 or 2, R_1 is a group selected from acetyl, alkyl, amino, acylamino ($NHCO R_3$), halo, nitro, and trifluoroalkyl, R_2 is saturated alkyl of 3 to 5 atoms, and R_3 is alkyl of 1 to 5 atoms. Pharmaceutical compositions, dosage forms and methods of administration are set forth.